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Application of : Saim, S. et al) Art Unit: 1621
Serial No. : 09/774,232) Examiner: Shailendra KUMAR
Confirmation No. : 1125
Filed : 01/30/2001
For : Material processing by repeated solvent expansion-contraction
Docket No. : 9/186

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed on March 18, 2004. Applicants Petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, making this response due on or before September 20, 2004 (September 18 and 19, being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively). The fee for the Petition is paid by the enclosed Fee Transmittal form. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.